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been made for their education. Mr. Best first considers the extent of deafness in the United States, its causes and possible methods of prevention, basing his discussion largely on the returns of the United States census. He goes on to emphasize the fact that the deaf as a class, although socially isolated, are economically independent. Considerably more than half of the volume he gives to an account of the provisions for the education of the deaf in the United States, with a detailed discussion of the organization of the schools in the various states, of their cost to the public, and of the methods of instruction used. Although dedicated "to the deaf of the land and to those who love them," the book is too lacking in life and color to make new friends for that handicapped class, and it impresses one as being hardly authoritative enough to be of great value to those already informed on the subject with which it deals.

Labor Camps in Wisconsin. A Report of the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin. Madison, 1914. Pamphlet, pp. 48.

In compliance with the authority granted it "to publish any contracts of employment which it had reason to believe were unfair or unjust," the Wisconsin Industrial Commission has made public the results of an investigation into living conditions in labor camps throughout the state. Conditions were found to be least bad in the lumber camps and in some others that were not given over to contractors, but where the right to board and lodge the men was contracted out, a large proportion of the men's wages was expended in return for miserably poor food and accommodations. The immediate dangers from disease to the men themselves are most strongly shown by the descriptions of camp conditions, but the ultimate purpose of the report is to reveal the danger to the general public from the spread of disease as the men leave the camps and come to the cities and general hospitals. That such danger is in large part preventable by adequate legislation and inspection is the conclusion of the report, especially in view of the results already attained in Canada, in New York, and in the United States Reclamation Service.

The New Politics. By WILLIAM GARROTT BROWN. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1914. 8vo, pp. 235. \$1.75.

There are grouped together in this volume a number of articles by the late William Garrott Brown, all dealing with the great problems now confronting our country, especially the subtle forces warring against American democracy. The grave dangers ahead, the big tasks at hand, the writer has set forth with singular keenness and lucidity; yet he wills the best and dares to hope for the ultimate triumph of American ideals. An unusual gift of expression will help to preserve these interpretations of the present critical period of American history and to disseminate their spirit of thoughtful patriotism.